

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A film-forming composition comprising a continuous aqueous phase and a dispersed phase, the dispersed phase comprising (i) a particulate polymer or emulsified liquid prepolymer, and (ii) a coalescent aid comprising an ester having the formula RCOOX derived from a fatty acid of corn oil, sunflower oil, soybean oil, or linseed oil wherein (a) R and X are independently hydrocarbyl or substituted hydrocarbyl, (b) at least one of R and X comprises at least two unsaturated aliphatic carbon-carbon bonds, and (c) the weight of the ester is (i) about 0.1% to about 4% of the weight of the particulate polymer or liquid prepolymer and (ii) at least about 50% of the coalescent aid.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is prepared by the transesterification reaction between a fatty acid and a glycol.
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is an ethylene glycol monoester derived from a fatty acid of soybean oil.
10. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is an diethylene glycol monoester derived from a fatty acid of soybean oil.

11. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is a propylene glycol monoester derived from a fatty acid of soybean oil.

12. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is a dipropylene glycol monoester derived from a fatty acid of soybean oil.

13. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the ester is a methyl ester derived from a fatty acid of soybean oil.

14. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 7 wherein the fatty acid is a fatty acid derived from soybean oil.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the continuous aqueous phase constitutes at least about 20 wt. % of the film-forming composition.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the dispersed or continuous aqueous phase further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of wetting aids, dispersants, thickeners, defoaming agents, biocides, algicides, ultra-violet inhibitors, flow agents, levelling agents, **rheology reology** modifiers, freeze thaw stabilizing agents, pH modifiers, flash rust inhibitors, and biocides.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Amended) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the film-forming composition contains at least about 20 wt. % water.

25. (Previously Amended) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the film-forming composition contains at least about 20 wt. % water, and at least about 10 wt. % particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein at least 95 wt.% of the ester is dissolved in the particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer.

29. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein the continuous aqueous phase contains less than about 10 wt. % organic solvent.

30. (Original) The film-forming composition of claim 1 wherein at least 95 wt.% of the ester is dissolved in the particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer and the continuous aqueous phase contains less than about 10 wt. % organic solvent.

31. (Previously Amended) The film-forming composition of claim 30 wherein the film-forming composition contains at least about 20 wt. % water, and at least about 10 wt. % particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Cancelled).

35. (Currently Amended). The film-forming composition of claim 1 34 wherein at least 95 wt. % of the ester is dissolved in the particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer and the continuous aqueous phase contains less than about 10 wt. % organic solvent, based upon the weight of the continuous phase.

36. (Previously Amended) The film-forming composition of claim 35 wherein the film-forming composition contains at least about 20 wt. % water, and at least about 10 wt. % particulate polymer or liquid pre-polymer.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled).